

## ALTERIA HOUSEWIFE IN REUNION WITH SON

Twenty-two years of fruitless search for her son was culminated two days before Christmas for a Walteria housewife.

Mrs. Frank Bates, 24237 Madison st., couldn't have received a better present. Her son, whom she hadn't seen since he was 8 months old, was back with her.

Actually the search had ended late last summer when the young man, Morris Meuli and his father were located on a farm in Montana by J. G. Caldwell, director of the Torrance Veterans' Service Center. The mother had finally appealed to the veterans' advisor after all previous attempts to find Morris had ended in blind alleys.

A little more than 23 years ago in Kalispel, Montana, Morris was born. A short time later the young mother became seriously ill with pneumonia. When she finally came out of the hospital the child and his father had disappeared.

After trying vainly to locate them, the mother came to California to start life anew. Although later divorced and re-

married, Mrs. Bates never gave up her attempts to find her boy.

Earlier this year Mrs. Bates, deciding that by this time the boy would probably be a veteran, contacted Caldwell. As it turned out Meuli had been a technical sergeant in the U. S. Army, serving overseas in New Caledonia and Hawaii.

The heavy work required for fall harvesting postponed the reunion until Christmas.

Morris plans to remain in Southern California with his mother and stepfather, and hopes to start college here in the near future.

## COUNTY, REDONDO BEACH LIFEGUARD SERVICE ACCORD

An allocation of \$15,000 for lifeguard service in the City of Redondo Beach was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The amount covers funds for fiscal year 1947-48, Redondo to contribute \$62.50 a month from its own treasury.

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## Registrar Sends Deputies Into Field Friday

Registrar of Voters Michael J. Donoghue has completed giving final instructions to the last of 2,500 deputies who will go out in the field beginning Friday, Jan. 2, to register an estimated 800,000 citizens of the county who are eligible to vote in the consolidated June 1 primary election and the Presidential election on Nov. 2.

Donoghue says the deputies are instructed not to enter into any discussion or activity of a political nature while serving as registrars. They are told what the qualifications are of those who desire to register. They are taken through the entire procedure of filling out a sample affidavit of registration. Deputies are given instructions on how foreign-born electors may become citizens; they are told how to handle illiterates and other persons not qualified to register, and how to register physically handicapped persons.

Registrar of voters deputies, Donoghue said, receive ten cents for each registrant signed up.

General qualifications for a voter is that he must be a citizen of the United States, 21 years of age, a resident of the State of California for one year, resident of the County of Los Angeles for 90 days and a resident of the precinct in which he resides for 40 days.

Donoghue says that the present registration in Los Angeles County numbers 1,386,481.

Registration of Democrats and Republicans is as follows: Democrats, 776,002; Republicans, 538,252.

Democrats have approximately 56 percent of the total registration in the county, while the Republicans have approximately 40 percent, Donoghue disclosed.

## STATE BOOSTS 1948 TRUCK, TRAILER FEES

The higher 1948 fees which are causing so much consternation among truck and trailer owners are correct as entered on potential registration cards, Edgar E. Lampton, state director of Motor Vehicles, said today.

"Our Sacramento headquarters and numerous branch offices have received complaints that fees entered on 1948 potential registration cards now being mailed to owners are too high," Lampton said.

"In every instance it has been found that the fees were

computed correctly. Owners simply had forgotten to take into account a \$3 increase in the registration fee and the sharp-boosted weight fee."

He pointed out that the fees were increased by statutory enactment to finance the state's super-highway program. The increases range from a few dollars to as much as \$130 for a three-axle truck weighing more than 15,000 pounds.

Renewal period opens Jan. 2 and continues until midnight Feb. 4 after which heavy penalties will be assessed.

Owners of trucks, trailers and motorcycles should present their 1948 potential registration cards and a cashier's or certified check or money order for their fees to any motor vehicle or highway patrol office. They also can mail their potential registration cards and fee payment to the Motor Vehicle Department in Sacramento.

If they fail to receive a potential registration card, they should present their 1947 card and 1948 fees will be computed for them.

Next year's passenger car will be \$3.00 higher and rounded off to the nearest dollar.

## Permits Issued For Four H.C., Strip Homes

Permits for four Harbor City and Shoestring Strip homes were included in building permits issued last week through the San Pedro building office.

Two Harbor City homes will cost \$17,050 and two in the Shoestring Strip will be erected at a cost of \$4900.

They include: C. H. Shuck, Gardena, home and garage at 18820 Western avenue, Shoestring, \$3800.

C. E. Booher, Shoestring, home at 21740 Harvard street Shoestring, \$1100.

Alma G. Watson, 1544 W. 266th street, Harbor City, home at 1540 W. 266th street, \$4250.

Alex Poggi, Shoestring, multiple-dwelling at 1240-46 W. 251st street, Harbor City, \$12,800.

Other home building permits included: L. P. Sloan, 21820 Dolores avenue, Torrance, home at 2017 Avalon boulevard, Wilmington, \$3000.

G. Mezzo, Torrance, home and garage at 1230 Alton street, \$5960.

Ernest Garcelon, 25927 Market place, Lomita, was issued a non-housing permit for stores at 1540-44 Pacific Coast highway, Harbor City, to be erected at a cost of \$7900.

## RELIEF FOOD COST UP BY COUNTY AS OF FEBRUARY

Food budgets for Los Angeles County's 12,000 families on general relief will go up 15 per cent next February.

The Board of Supervisors approved a recommendation of the County Advisory Committee that food allowances should be boosted at least that amount, pointing out that general relief checks have not been raised since February, 1946, while state aid for needy children has been hiked 28 per cent for food and 19 per cent for clothing.

## Health Officers Attack Schools' Lice Problem

Eliminating pediculosis (head lice) in the Torrance City schools has been a chief occupation of the Health Department for the last few weeks, according to J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools.

More than 100 cases were found through microscopic examination, and an educational program, along with removal and riddance program, has been under way.

A recheck of all cases will be necessary after the Christmas holidays in order to ensure effectiveness of the work, Hull said.

The school principals, teachers and parents have cooperated with the school nurse, doctor and the County Health Department according to Hull. Other local organizations have joined with the schools in the solution of this problem, according to information received this week.

## Crossing Sign Bond Is Asked

The State of California will not permit the installation of a "school crossing" pedestal sign on 101 highway at Ward street larger than the conventional sign unless "some responsible party" files with a state \$5,000 bond assuming liability for accidents caused by the larger sign, according to a letter from the Division of Highways to the City Council.

The larger sign had been asked in an effort to protect school children at the crossing, and it is assumed the "responsible party" will have to be the City of Torrance since school crossing protection is the responsibility of the Police Department.

## Ask Hawthorne Improvement

The City Council has dispatched a resolution to the California Highway Department asking that Hawthorne boulevard be improved between Redondo Beach boulevard and Palos Verdes Estates city line.

The boulevard is a two-lane highway most of the way, of uneven grade and heavily traveled. Several sections are flooded during heavy rains.

Hawthorne boulevard is State Highway No. 107.

## OREGON INDUSTRY

The chief industries of the state of Oregon include fruit growing, fishing and agriculture. Its lumber industry is important; its salmon industry is very large. It also produces hops in large quantities.

## PLYWOOD

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## San Pedro Man Heads Local Smog Control

The Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board of Directors of the Air Pollution Control District was named by the Board of Supervisors, according to Chairman Raymond V. Darby.

Five members were appointed, one from each Supervisorial District, Chairman Darby named Robert Carson, retired Fire Chief from San Pedro to act as Air Pollution advisor from his district. Other appointments were Roy Newsom of Whittier College, by Supervisor William Smith, DeWitt Strode by Supervisor John Anson Ford, Carl Webber by Supervisor Leonard J. Roach, and Robert L. Daugherty, by Roger Jessup.

The committee will be a continuation of the previous citizens' Advisory Committee on Air Pollution which consisted of twelve members.

The additional members will serve in rotation and their failure to attend three consecutive meetings will be deemed a resignation from the committee.



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